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10. (once amended) An assembly comprising a box and a[an imbibed] dental floss at least partially enclosed in said box, the[imbibed] dental floss comprising:

- A2
- (a) a fiber of an elastomeric polymer capable of imbibing a chemotherapeutic agent; and
 - (b) a therapeutically effective amount of the chemotherapeutic agent imbibed in the fiber.

23. A [An imbibed polymer] fiber comprising:

- A3
- (a) a[polymer] fiber capable of imbibing penicillin; and
 - (b) a therapeutically effective amount penicillin imbibed in the[polymer] fiber.

24. The[imbibed] polymer of claim 23 in which the[polymer] fiber is a nylon fiber.

Please add the following new claims:

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25. (newly presented) The fiber of claim 1 in which the fiber comprises at least about 2,000 ppm of water soluble fluoride.